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SUBJECT: TCDC -- PLAN OF ACTION

1. IN REVIEWING PLENARY STATEMENTS, DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION, PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE, AND INTEREST IN FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION, USDEL WAS OF POINION DRAFT PLAN COULD BE STRENGTHENED IF LANGUAGE WAS ADOPTED WHICH WOULD STIMULATE GREATER INSTITUTIONAL INTERACTION IN ADDITION TO ALREADY PROPOSED INTERACTION BY GOVERNMENTS AND UN AGENCIES. WITH THIS OBJECTIVE IN MIND, USDEL PROPOSED NEW LANGUAGE TO MAIN COMMITTEE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT:

"MR. CHAIRMAN, THE U.S. DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE SOME ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE AT SEVERAL POINTS IN THE DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION.

ALL OF THESE AMENDMENTS ARE INTENDED TO SUPPORT A SINGLE PURPOSE. THE AMENDMENTS ALL WOULD STRENGTHEN TCDC SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT BY PROVIDING A STRONGER
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BASIS FOR SUPPORTIVE FOLLOW-UP BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO THE ACTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THIS CONFERENCE.

THE DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION HAS MANY GOOD COMPONENTS, AND THE UNITED STATES HEARTILY SUPPORTS ITS BROAD PURPOSE. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE IN A POSITION TO FOLLOW-UP THE CONFERENCE WITH PRACTICAL AND EFFECTIVE SUPPORT OF THE TCDC CONCEPT. WE WOULD LIKE TO STRENGTHEN

OUR SUPPORT FOR TCDC WITHIN WHATEVER FUNDS OUR CONGRESS MAKES AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FROM YEAR TO YEAR. HOWEVER, AS THE DRAFT NOW STANDS, WE SEE A PRACTICAL OBSTACLE TO SUCH FOLLOW-UP THAT WAS NOT INTENDED BY THOSE DRAFTING THE DOCUMENT.

THE MAIN PROBLEM, AS WE SEE IT, IS THE OMISSION, FOR THE MOST PART, OF SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR PARTICIPATION IN GLOBAL TECHNICAL COLLABORATION BY TECHNICAL ORGANIZATIONS IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES THAT (A) SHARE SPECIFIC TECHNICAL INTERESTS WITH SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND (B) POSSESS TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES THAT COULD STRENGTHEN GREATLY COLLABORATIVE WORK ON DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS. WE MUST PROVIDE THE MECHANISMS THAT MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO REALIZE MORE OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT DIMENSION OF THE GROWING GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE THAT IS STRESSED IN THE DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION.

THERE IS A LARGE POTENTIAL FOR ACTION TO INITIATE, ORGANIZE AND DIRECT INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL COLLABORATION ACTIVITIES BY THE TECHNICAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SPHERES THAT WISH TO CONCERT THEIR EFFORTS.

IN CONCLUSION, MR. CHAIRMAN, FOLLOW-UP SUPPORT FOR TCDC CAN BE FOSTERED SIMPLY BY ADDING SOME LANGUAGE IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS THEMSELVES THAT

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CALLS FOR SUPPORT BY ALL CONCERNED OF INTERORGANIZATIONAL SYSTEMS FOR GLOBAL TECHNICAL COLLABORATION TO REINFORCE TCDC. THAT IS WHAT THE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY OUR DELEGATION WOULD DO."

(B) TEXT INTRODUCED AS CONFERENCE ROOM

PAPER 2:

"INFORMAL SUGGESTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION (A/CONF. 79/5)

1. WE PROPOSE A SECOND PARAGRAPH TO RECOMMENDATION 18, WHICH EMBRACES AND AUGMENTS THE LAST SENTENCE OF RECOMMENDATION 18 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"TCDC PROGRAMMES OF ACTION SHOULD FACILITATE AND STRENGTHEN LINKAGES AMONG THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TO RESOLVE DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS, AND THOSE CONCERNED WITH RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE ADAPTATION OF TECHNOLOGY, INVOLVING PRIMARILY DEVELOPING COUNTRY ORGANIZATIONS BUT ALSO SOME TECHNICAL ORGANIZATIONS FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES THAT ARE CONCERNED WITH SIMILAR PROBLEMS AND ARE IN A POSITION TO CONTRIBUTE EXPERTISE, EXPERIENCE, AND TECHNICAL FACILITIES IN AGREED AREAS OF COLLABORATION. ORGANIZATIONS DESIRING INCREASED

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL COLLABORATION SHOULD SEEK WAYS
TO COME TOGETHER FOR THIS PURPOSE UNDER THEIR OWN
MUTUAL SPONSORSHIP.

2. WE PROPOSE A NEW PARAGRAPH 26 (PRECEDING RECOMMENDA-
TION 22) AND A NEW RECOMMENDATION 24 (FOLLOWING RECOM-
MENDATION 23) ASSOCIATED WITH THIS NEW PARAGRAPH IN
ORDER TO STRENGTHEN SUPPORT FOR TCDC:

26. THERE ARE MANY WAYS THAT GLOBAL ASSOCIATIONS
FOR TECHNICAL COLLABORATION AMONG ORGANIZATIONS WORKING
ON COMMON PROBLEMS CAN BE INITIATED, ORGANIZED AND
SUPPORTED. IN SELECTING MEANS WELL SUITED TO EACH
PROBLEM AREA, FLEXIBLE EXPLORATION OF MULTIPLE POSSIBIL-
ITIES IS CALLED FOR, RECOGNIZING THE DIVERSITY OF PRO-
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BLEMS AND OF THE CAPABILITIES, RESOURCES, OBJECTIVES
AND OPERATING ENVIRONMENTS OF THE ORGANIZATIONS SHAR-
ING PARTICULAR PROBLEM CONCERNS. CERTAIN GENERAL
CHARACTERISTICS HAVE PROVEN BENEFICIAL:

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(A) SELECTING A WELL-DEFINED AND REALISTICALLY
DELINEATED PROBLEM AREA, THEREBY PERMITTING IN-DEPTH
ATTACK AND SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF
CONCENTRATION OF EFFORT;

(B) ORGANIZING OPERATIONAL COLLABORATION AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE ON AN INTERORGANIZATIONAL BASIS RATHER THAN ON AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL BASIS, THEREBY FACILITATING FLEXIBLE AND INFORMAL PROCESSES AND PARTICIPATION TOGETHER BY TECHNICAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE ALL KINDS OF LEGAL STATUS (GOVERNMENTAL OR PRIVATE, NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL);

(C) ASSOCIATING ON A GENUINE PARTNERSHIP BASIS, RECOGNIZING THE AUTONOMY OF PARTICIPANTS AND PROVIDING JOINING ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM CONTENT.

WITH THIS MUTUALITY OF RELATIONSHIPS, EACH PARTICIPANT CAN CONTRIBUTE TO A CUMULATING POOL OF KNOWLEDGE ACCORDING TO ITS OWN CAPABILITIES AND INTERESTS.

EACH CAN DRAW FROM THIS POOL WHATEVER KNOWLEDGE IT CAN USE AND ADAPT FOR ITS OWN PURPOSES, THEREBY MULTIPLYING ITS ACCESS TO GLOBAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. EACH CAN STRENGTHEN ITS OWN CAPABILITIES BY SHARING WORK AND EXPERIENCE WITH OTHERS WORKING ON THE SAME PROBLEMS
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AT VARIOUS LEVELS OF COMPLEXITY AND IN DIVERSE ENVIRONMENTS, AND ALSO WHERE FEASIBLE BY SHARING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COMMON TRAINING ACTIVITIES. EACH CAN SUPPORT ITS PARTICIPATION BY DRAWING ON WHATEVER INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SOURCES OF FINANCE IT USES FOR ITS OVERALL ACTIVITIES, OR ON ANY SPECIAL FINANCING THAT IT CAN ARRANGE.

RECOMMENDATION²⁴. THE FOSTERING OF GLOBAL TECHNICAL COLLABORATION

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD FOSTER COLLABORATIVE ASSOCIATIONS AMONG PUBLIC, PRIVATE, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL ORGANIZATIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD THAT ARE WORKING IN THE SAME DEVELOPMENT PROBLEM AREA, INVOLVING SUCH ACTIVITIES AS SHARING EXPERIENCE AND RESEARCH MATERIALS, JOINING OR CONCERTED RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS, EXCHANGES OF PERSONNEL AND RECIPROCAL ACCESS TO SPECIALIZED FACILITIES OR EXPERIMENTAL SITES, RECIPROCAL CONSULTANCY, OR COMMON TRAINING AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES. EXPANSION OF SUCH PROBLEM-SOLVING NETWORKS CAN PURSUE PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED BY THE VARIOUS UNITED NATIONS WORLD DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCES.

3. WE PROPOSE THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING UNDERLINED PASSAGES TO RECOMMENDATION 29.

RECOMMENDATION 29. (BEGIN UNDERLINING) THE STRENGTHENING OF COMMUNICATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (BEGIN DOUBLE UNDERSCORING) AND GLOBALLY (END UNDERLINE)

BEARING IN MIND THE FACT THAT THE STRENGTHENING OF
COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORTATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
IS A NECESSARY CONDITION IF TCDC IS TO BECOME A MAJOR
ELEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, THE GOVERNMENTS
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OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD, ON THE BASIS OF STUDIES
CARRIED OUT BY THEMSELVES, AND BY THE ORGANIZATIONS OF
THE UNITED NATIONS (BEGIN UNDERLINING) OR OTHER ORGANIZA-
TIONS (END UNDERLINING) WHEN REQUESTED TO DO SO, MAKE
SPECIFIC AND SUSTAINED EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN AND IMPROVE
ALL MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THEIR COUNTRIES.
(BEGIN UNDERLINING) COMMUNICATION LINKS WITH DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES THAT CAN IMPORVE THE TECHNICAL SUPPORT PROVIDED
TO DEVELOPING COUNTRY ACTIVITIES SHOULD ALSO BE
STRENGTHENED, INCLUDING MEANS OF INCREASING THE ACCESS
OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO TECHNICAL INFORMATION COL-
LECTIONS THAT EXIST AROUND THE GLOBE. (END UNDERLINING)

4. WE PROPOSE THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING CLAUSE AT
THE END OF RECOMMENDATION 34 (C):
'..., INCLUDING SUPPORT FOR CONTINUING COLLABORATIVE
ASSOCIATIONS AMONG TECHNICAL ORGANIZATIONS ALL OVER THE
WORLD THAT ARE WORKING IN THE SAME DEVELOPMENT AREA;'
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